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Westhampton Mass.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WESTHAMPTON, MASS.

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1904.

ENTERPRISE PRINTING CO.,
EASTHAMPTON, MASS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

HIGHWAYS.

GEO. A. WITHERELL, SURVEYOR.

L. W. Clapp	$ 17 51
F. E. Holdridge	1 50
C. Benson	30 26
J. Whelan	3 77
E. Challet	7 50
A. L. Searle	1 00
H. N. Brewster	27 00
C. A. Bartlett	45 21
Chas. Braman	5 55
Chas. McKown	10 57
A. L. Snow	8 88
P. A. Connery	30 75
Geo. A. Witherell	288 05
H. L. Dodge	65 17
E. H. Montague	3 75

N. L. Montague	5 00	
A. D. Montague	2 00	
W. R. Lyman	7 50	
C. T. Williams	24 58	
F. Tilden	13 75	
Frank E. Hayden	4 50	
Leonard Braman	75	
C. G. Loud	1 50	
Fred Wicks	15 00	
Frank Wicks	4 50	
M. Connery	15 00	
A. E. Damon	11 28	
George L. Hathaway	2 08	
E. A. Bartlett	6 80	
C. O. Connors	10 15	
E. J. Hathaway	1 28	
C. H. Bartlett	1 11	
E. S. Gorham	10 50	
H. M. Clapp	29 50	
A. T. Edwards	32 17	
J. Boucher	5 08	
Jesse Trask	9 00	—$ 759 50

Orders drawn for $800.

TOWN OFFICERS.

A. K. Chapman, Treasurer	$25 00	
S. A. Rust, Assessor	19 37	
L. W. Clapp, Assessor	13 75	
Levi Burt, Assessor	17 50	
Levi Burt, Collector	54 72	
A. D. Rice, Selectman	16 00	
D S. Bridgman, Selectman	9 00	
E. B. Clapp, Selectman	9 75	

H. M. Clapp, Auditor	2 00		
Levi Burt, Cattle Inspector	12 09		
Geo. E. Knight, Constable	6 00		
A. K. Chapman, Election Officer	1 50		
N. L. Montague, Election Officer	1 50—	$ 188	18

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

William Lawler at Northampton Hospital	169 46		
Rhoda Prentice " " "	131 38		
Isadore Howard " Worcester "	169 46—	470	30
Monroe Coleman, Settlement Southampton	12 37—	12	37
		$482	67

State Aid	$180 00—	180	00
Street and Wright fund	95 00—	95	00
Paid Witnesses E. J. Burt case	43 25—	43	25

MISCELLANEOUS.

Gladys Post, Clark scholarship	$ 0 80		
Enterprise Printing Co.	29 25		
Westhampton Water Co.	15 00		
C. T. Bagnall, Stationery	1 75		
S. E. Bridgman & Co., Town Book	4 00		
C. G. Butterfield, Fumigating, Scarlet Fever	10 00		
M. D. Jones & Co., Markers Soldiers' graves	105 00		
E W Kingsley Mowing Cemetery	6 00		

Geo. E. Knight, care Town Hall	12 25	
Geo. E. Knight, Driving Hearse	6 00	
H. A. Parsons, Street Lamps	24 00	
H. A. Parsons, Kerosene oil and chimneys	2 13	
F. A. Loud, Stationery	4 65	
F. A. Loud, Ink	75	
District Court, Joseph Knight	6 72	
E. B. Bridgman, Mason work	4 25	
G. E. Knight, Librarian	25 00	
Oliver Walker, Insurance Schoolhouses	4 50	
A. K. Chapman, Smith work	1 25	
A. K. Chapman, Blank Book and Stamps	1 80	
District Court, Inquest	8 00	
Levi Burt, Tax Book and Postage	1 00	
E. B. Clapp, Thayer fund for Parish	24 00	—$ 298 10

TAXES.

State Tax	$ 200 00	
County Tax	441 05	
Discount on Taxes	130 90	
Abatements on Taxes	7 24	
Abatement by Thayer fund	24 00	
Notes paid	1,200 00	
Interest on Notes	63 14	–$2,066 33

RECAPITULATION.

Highways	$800 00
Support of Poor	482 67
Town Officers	188 18
State Tax	200 00
County Tax	441 05

Discount on Taxes	130 90	
Note paid	1,200 00	
Interest on Notes	63 14	
Abatements	31 24	
Street & Wright fund	95 00	
State Aid	180 00	
Law Case	43 25	
Miscellaneous	298 10	
Total Selectmen's orders		$4,153 53
School Committee's orders		2,487 50
Total Expenditures		$6,641 03
Balance Feb. 1, 1903	1,362 42	
Assessment	3,926 93	
Town Treasurer's book	3,459 10	
	$8,748 45	
Balance Feb. 1, 1904		$2,107 42

D. S. BRIDGMAN,
E. B. CLAPP,
A. D. RICE,
Selectmen of Westhampton.

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1904

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find that they have drawn orders and have vouchers to the amount of four thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars and fifty-three one-hundredths ($4,153.53).

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*

List of Jurors.

F. A. Loud
N. L. Montague
Horace Haunton
E. H. Montague
M. G. Crandall
A. E. Damon

H. L. Dodge

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Total valuation $227,259 00.
Tax rate $16.20 per $1,000.

Real estate tax	2,929 95	
Personal estate tax	762 98	
Polls	234 00	—$3,926 93

TAX LEVY.

State tax	200 00	
County tax	441 05	
Highways	1,200 00	
Support of poor	400 00	
Town officers	225 00	
Schools	1,200 00	
Discount on taxes	125 00	
Contingent fund	100 00	
Overlayings	35 88	—$3,926 93

S. A. RUST,
L. W. CLAPP,
LEVI BURT,
} *Assessors of Westhampton*

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending February 1, 1904.

Dr.

Balance from last year	$1,362 42
Town of Deerfield (Pittsinger case)	20 00
A. G. Jewett, int. on Wright fund	25 00
Clark scholarship	1 60
Northampton Institution for Savings	1,200 00
City of Boston, school supplies	42 00
Frank Weeks, hay on town lot	1 50
District Court	20 00
N. A. Kingsley, int. on Wright fund	25 00
Trustees Whiting Street fund	57 50
G. E. Knight, int. on Thayer fund	20 00
Estate of Henry Avery	6 00
F. H. Judd, int. on Thayer fund	31 25
County Treasurer, Dog fund	97 53
State Treasurer, Insane poor	320 71
" " Corporation tax	4 32

State Treasurer,	National Bank tax	193 30	
" "	Inspection animals	6 00	
" "	State aid	166 00	
" "	Salaries of public school teachers small towns	204 00	
" "	Income Mass. school fund	972 39	
" "	Education of children, state board charity	45 00	—$ 4,821 52
Amount of Assessment			3,926 93
			$8,748 45

Cr.

By paid orders of Selectmen	$4,153 53	
" " " " School Committee	2,487 50	
Balance in Treasury	1,454 56	
" due from Collector	652 86	—$ 8,748 45

The above report shows a balance in the town's favor of $2,107.42, but in this balance is included $273.44 of unexpended school money, which sum can be used for schools only.

A. K. CHAPMAN, *Treasurer*

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1904

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of six thousand six hundred forty-one dollars and three one-hundredths (6,641.03) for which proper vouchers are on file, and a balance of cash on hand of one thousand four hundred fifty-four dollars and fifty-six one-hundredths ($1,454.56). Due from collector six hundred fifty-two dollars and eighty-six one-hundredths ($652.86).

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

FOR YEAR 1903.

BIRTHS.

1903

1	Feb.	13	William H. Trask.
2	Feb.	28	Mabel Miller.
3	Mar.	22	Marie Emma Fleury.
4	May	18	Sadie May Church.
5	June	22	Mabel Ellen Gillette.
6	July	4	Henry Boucher.
7	Sept.	22	Ruth Amelia Payson.
8	Oct.	30	Virginia Grace Warren.
9	Dec.	13	Howard Francis Loud.
10	Dec.	16	Josephine B. Lyman.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN RECENT YEARS.

'93	'94	'95	'96	'07	'98	'99	'00	'01	'02
15	12	7	9	16	9	9	8	11	13

MARRIAGES. 1903

1	Aug. 27	Olie N. Cole, New Salem. Maud Delisle, Westhampton.
2	Sept. 29	John M. Gallup, Westhampton. Nellie A. Pattee, Westhampton.
3	Oct. 19	Frank W. Blaksley, Westhampton. Edith T. Shaw, Westhampton.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN RECENT YEARS.

'93	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	'02
5	5	2	4	4	4	5	1	5	2

DEATHS. 1903

1	Jan. 11	Henry LaDuc	9–11–20
2	Jan. 24	Rosanna M. Woodard	81—7——
3	Feb. 5	Charles W. Niles	69—8–22
4	Mar. 25	William H. Trask	1–12
5	Apr. 2	Edward A. Bartlett	52 — —
6	Apr. 12	Ellen Gravline	63 — —
7	Apr. 19	Francis C. Montague	43 — —
8	May 18	Samuel J. Hathaway	9–18
9	June 2	Flora Pondries	6 —
10	June 5	Albert Fleury	27 — —
11	June 22	Mabel Gillette	6 hrs.

June 24	Elizabeth Chapman	83–11 —
Sept. 29	Harriet Boucher	80 — —
Nov. 29	Vileria A. Jewett	74 — —

DEATHS RECORDED IN RECENT YEARS.

'93	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	'02
12	11	11	5	6	10	12	3	8	5

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Endo cardities 1, chronic diarrhœa 1, acute-articular rheumatism 1, meningitis 1, found dead 1, gun shot 1, asphyxia 1, asthma 1, pneumonia 3, apoplexy 3.

Mortgages of personal property, 14.
All other papers, 3.

DOGS LICENSED.

1903

Clifford Bartlett	Mar. 2	H. M. Clapp	May 4
Mary S. Norton	Apr. 15	E. H. Montague	" 4
Wm. R. Lyman	" 16	E. B. Clapp	" 4
A. J. Griffin	" 16	Geo. Benson	" 9
M. G. Crandall	" 20	Clayton Bartlett	" 9
A. K. Chapman	" 20	Chas. McKown	" 12
F. A. Loud	" 20	O. C. Witherell	" 12
C. D. Gage	" 21	M. A. Coleman	June 2
Mrs. Geo. Tower	" 22	F. Pitsinger	" 13
E. C. Blaksley	" 23	S. D. Lyman	" 16

Geo. L. Hathaway	"	24	Mrs. S. D. Lyman	"	16
Joseph Hathaway	"	24	J. H. Kingsley	July	16
C. H. Bartlett	"	25	Frank Niles	"	18
John Knox	"	25	F. Leduc	Sept.	3
H. L. Dodge	"	27	John Woodard	"	19
Geo. Witherell, 2	"	28	Willard Payson	"	25
Franklin Howard, 2	"	28	Frank Gillette	"	28
Geo. Coleman	"	29	Joseph Boucher, 2	"	28
Mrs. Alice Montague	"	29	Alpheus Hall	"	28
E. J. Hathaway	"	30	Julius Billieux	"	28
N. L. Montague	"	30	Challet Etienne	"	28
Levi Burt	"	30	George Miller	"	28
I. O. Shaw	"	30	Francis Vias	"	28
A. D. Montague	"	30	Henry Payson	"	28
Nathan Damon	May	1	S. A. Rust	"	28
F. H. Judd	"	4	Oscar Bartlett	"	29
L. A. Howard	"	4	Almon Benson	Oct.	1
G. W. Graves	May	4			

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

F. A. Loud in account with Town of Westhampton.

DR.

To cash received for six mos. ending June 1, 1903,	
For license of 36 dogs (males) at $2.00	$72 00

Cr.

By clerk's fees, 36 at 20c	$7 20	
By cash paid County Treasurer	64 80	—$72 00

Dr.

To cash received for 6 mos. ending Dec. 1, 1903,		
For license of 21 (males) at $2.00, 1 (female) $5.00		47 00

Cr.

By clerk's fees, 22 at 20c	$4 40	
By cash paid County Treasurer	42 60	—$47 00

The amount paid in to the County Treasurer on this account for the five previous years was:

1898	1899	1900	1901	1902
$98.40	$90.00	$94.80	$106.80	$112.20

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. LOUD, *Town Clerk*

I have examined the report of the Town Clerk and find it correct.

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*

Report of the Joint School Board.

To the District comprising the Towns of Easthampton, Southampton and Westhampton, for the year ending July 1, 1903.

Received from State Treasurer			$1,250 00
Credited to Superintendent's salary		$750 00	
" to towns of district on basis of average membership of all the schools of district:			
To Easthampton	$416 85		
To Southampton	46 32		
To Westhampton	36 83	—$500 00	
		$1,250 00	—$1 250 00
Received from towns of district on same basis as above:			
Town of Easthampton's share Superintendent's salary		$708 65	

Town of Southampton's share Superintendent's salary	78 74		
Town of Westhampton's share Superintendent's salary	62 61—	$ 850 00	
State Treasurer, credited to Superintendent's salary		750 00	
		$1,600 00	
Paid Superintendent's salary for year ending July 1, 1903		$1,600 00	
Net cost to Easthampton	$291 81		
Net cost to Southampton	32 42		
Net cost to Westhampton	25 77—	$350 00	

C. H. JOHNSON, Chm.
C. N. LOUD, Sec'y
} *Joint Committee.*

REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, WAGES.

CENTER SCHOOL.

Edith T. Shaw, Minnie H. Bridgman.

No. of pupils enrolled	29
Average membership	22.5
Average attendance	20.2

No. of pupils over 15 years	2
" " under 5 "	1
" " between 7 and 14	17
No. of weeks school	34
Wages of teachers	$306 00
Fuel, H. A. Parsons	16 00
Janitors	7 50

Not absent or tardy during the year, Abram Fisch; not absent, tardy but once, Marion M. Clapp. Atalie and Nettie Pelton, Chas. R. Burt, Myron M. Clapp and Evelyn Hathaway are perfect in attendance for the last term.

The slate blackboards have proved to be a very great improvement, both in the saving of crayon and in preventing a great deal of dust, which made it almost impossible to keep the room in a neat condition. A coat of paint is now very much needed, but your committee have hesitated to make very many repairs until we found how much money would be given to the town under the new apportionment.

The amount received this year is somewhat larger than last year, but not as large as the year before, so that on the whole we cannot calculate on very much more than we have received, which includes the state apportionment and the extra pay of teachers, which amount we shall no longer receive.

HILL SCHOOL.

Laura G. Turner, Vera E. Back.

No. of pupils enrolled	21
Average membership	21.4
" attendance	19.2

No. of pupils over 15 years	1
" " under 5 "	0
" " between 7 and 14	18
No. of weeks school	34
Wages of teacher	$294 00
Fuel, Chas. H. Bartlett	16 60
Janitors	7 50

Pearl and Winnie Howard, while members of the school, were not absent or tardy.

As your committee suggested a year ago, the roof on the west side of the building will need shingling this year, as it cannot be profitably repaired longer. The plastering in the entrance room also needs to be taken off overhead and newly plastered. An addition should also be made to the woodshed and new doors put on, so that the building could be locked during vacation.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Ella W. Hadley, Mary A. Lyman.

No. of pupils enrolled	19
Average membership	17.9
" attendance	15
No. of pupils over 15 years	1
" " under 5 "	0
" " between 7 and 14	14
No. of weeks school	34
Wages of teachers	$294 00
Fuel, S. D. Lyman	16 89

Repairs, M. G. Crandall	2 25
Janitors	5 13

Not absent or tardy during Fall term, Myron Blakesly, Leonard Blakesly. Fall and Winter term Leonard Connery.

For the first time in several years there has been but very little damage done to this school house during the vacation. The floor in the entrance room is in bad condition and should be newly laid over. The chimney also needs repairing and some provision should be made by the town where a supply of pure water could be obtained.

NORTHEAST SCHOOL.

Minnie H. Bridgman, Harriet C. Moore.

No. of pupils enrolled	18
Average membership	12
" "	10.9
No. of pupils over 15 years	0
" " under 5 "	1
" " between 7 and 14	11
No. of weeks school	34
Wages of teachers	$294 00
Fuel, A. D. Montague	11 00
Janitor	6 50

Not absent or tardy during the year, Enos J. Montague, Evelyn F. Montague; but one-half day absent, Marion R. Montague. Wilbur A. Shaw and Grace W. Montague have not been tardy and have lost but two days.

The difference between the average membership and the whole number enrolled may be accounted for in part by a portion of the school being taught at home during a part of

the spring term, together with the removal of some of the pupils to other places.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL.

Ida May Pollard.

No. of pupils enrolled	16
Average membership	11
" attendance	8.6
No. of pupils over 15 years	2
" " under 5 "	0
" " between 7 and 14	11
No. of weeks school	34
Wages of teacher	$260 00
Janitors	5 00
Repairs, Nathan Damon	2 50

On account of the severe cold weather the record of attendance in this school has been uncommonly small, and your committee have thought best to defer the last two weeks until the spring term.

EXPENSES.

Teachers' salaries	$1,391 33
Loudville school	303 18
Northampton tuition	495 00
Easthampton "	55 00
Easthampton school supplies	49 75

Fuel	59 86
Janitors	30 00
D. C. Heath, books	21 00
Enterprise Co., order books	3 00
Westhampton Water Co.	6 00
Superintendent's salary	25 87
Cleaning school houses	5 00
M. F. Taintor, supplies	1 86
Repairs	5 00
F. D. Bridgman, services	7 00
C. N. Loud, 11½ days	28 75
Total	$2,487 50

RESOURCES.

Balance from last year	$375 63
State School Tuition	45 00
Salary of teachers	204 00
State appropriation	972 39
Town appropriation	1,200 00
Total	$2,796 92

The union heretofore existing of East, South and Westhampton, will this year be dissolved, as Easthampton has reached the valuation at which it can no longer receive any

aid from the state towards paying the salary of a Superintendent.

What arrangement can be made to furnish Southampton and Westhampton with a superintendent remains to be seen. If we are placed in some other district the service cannot be as good and the expense will be necessarily very much greater. Your committee hope that some satisfactory plan can be adopted whereby we can remain under the same Superintendent as Easthampton employs.

This district was one of the first in the state to form a union, and during the fifteen years it has existed, there has been the most cordial cooperation between the several committees. Westhampton has especial reason to be thankful for the magnanimous treatment we have received from the committee in Easthampton who have always told the superintendent to take what time he thought was necessary for our schools, if it did require more than the time arranged by the joint committee called for and each superintendent has given the town more than twice the time allotted to it, as well as the benefit of purchasing supplies in such large amounts that the cost was at the lowest figures.

The difference in amount as given for the separate schools and the financial account of expenditures is caused by the difference between the school year and the fiscal year, and the amounts given in the separate schools are only intended to show in about what proportion the money is expended for each school. For instance, a part of the teacher's salary may be paid on the last term of one year and the next

year the wages may be a little different, and we give the separate account that you may see in about the proportion the money is divided.

A. D. MONTAGUE,
F. D. BRIDGMAN,
C. N. LOUD,
} *School Committee.*

I find on examination of the accounts of the School Committee that they have given orders which have been paid by the Treasurer to the amount of two thousand four hundred and eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents ($2,487 50).

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Anditor*

REPORT

of the

Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee:
Gentlemen:—

I respectfully submit the regular annual report of the suprintendent of schools for the year 1903-1904.

The following teachers have been elected since the last report:

NAME.	SCHOOL.	WHERE EDUCATED.
Harriet C. Moore	Northeast	Mt Holyoke College
Vera E. Back	Hill	Westfield Normal School

A table showing the number enrolled, average membership, etc., for the fall term is given below:

REPORT FOR FALL TERM.

School	Teacher	Enrolled	Av. Membership	Av. Attendance	½ days absence	Cases of Tardiness
Center	Minnie Bridgman	24	21.8	20.0	282	12
Hill	Vera E. Back	21	17.7	16.9	132	16
South	Mary A. Lyman	19	18.6	16.5	301	21
North-east	Harriet C. Moore	15	12.9	12.3	116	22
North-west	Mae Pollard	17	12.4	11.5	103	8
Total		96	83.4	77.2		

As there has been a great change in the manner of doing school work in the past few years, an explanation of the present method may be interesting. It can best be explained by taking a single subject as an illustration. For example, percentage. In most schools this subject is begun in a simple form in the fourth year, or fourth grade as it is commonly called. In the fifth year the work that was done in the fourth year is reviewed and a little added to it. In the sixth year the work that was done in the fourth and fifth years is reviewed and a little added to it. In the seventh year, the work that was done in the fourth, fifth and sixth years is reviewed and something is added to it. This is continued until the class is ready for the high school.

In the same way, the subject of Denominate numbers is commonly begun in the third year and continued through the course, each year reviewing the work of the preceding years and adding something to it. Interest is taken up in the fifth or sixth years and continued in the same manner.

The purpose of the plan is to secure a more thorough and independent knowledge of the subjects by the constant reviews. Because a pupil is studying the same subject in the eighth year that he did in the fifth year, it does not mean that he has not made any progress.

Teacher call this plan of making ocnstant reviews "The Spiral Method." It is used in every town and city, and if the pupils from Westhampton are to go to other towns to the high schools of course they must receive the same kind of thorough instruction that the pupils from other towns receive, and this we have tried to give them.

Very respectfully,

W. D. MILLER

ARTICLES

In Warrant for Annual Meeting

March 7, 1904.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon all reports presented at said meeting.

Art. 4 To choose all necessary Town Officers to serve the Town the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will accept any of the provisions of Sec. 339 Chap. 11 of Revised Laws.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will revoke the action to accept the provisions of Sec. 336. Chap. 11 of Revised Laws.

Art. 7. To take any other action in regard to repairing highways.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 9. To vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

Art. 10. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise or appropriate money for the Cemetery committee to expend.

Art. 12. To take action in regard to the collection of Taxes.

Art. 13. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money to meet current expenses in anticipation of Taxes.